



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Volume 24, Issue 8 ~ August 2024

SAVE-THE-DATE

NIGHT OF HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Testimonies ~ Vendors

Keynote Speaker

Pastor Michael Neely
Senior Pastor of New Millennium
Community Church

~ Domestic Violence Survivor ~

Author of
"Black Eyes and Sweet Talk."



Tickets:
\$40 per person

Thursday, September 26, 2024

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

College of Central Florida,
3001 S.W. College Rd., Ocala

FREE Childcare for children 2 years old or older.
For information, sponsorship opportunities
or to purchase tickets, scan the QR Code
or call Valerie at (352) 438-5990.

Buy Tickets using the QR Code above or by visiting:
<https://bit.ly/NOH2024>

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Our Vision

For all of Marion County's Children to have a safe, healthy and nurturing environment in which to grow.

Our Mission

"To improve the lives of Marion County Children"

~ Partners in Excellence ~

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Presented by



SAVE THE DATE:
2024
ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County



August 23
Doors open at 11:00,
Program Begins at 11:30

Guest Speaker Randy Fox
International award winning
Speaker, Author and Coach

Signature Brands
Gymnasium
800 SW 12th Ave, Ocala

www.bgcofmarion.org



Join Us!
for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

Sponsored by Jenkins Auto Group

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mary Sue Rich Community Center
at Reed Place,
1812 N.W. 21st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475

Agency Spotlight:

Kelley Martin,

Program Director for S.K.I.P.
(Supporting Kids Involving Parents)

Guest Speaker:

Meghan Magamoll, Executive Director
Public Education Foundation of Marion County



**BROWN & BROWN
INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.
2024 BOWLING EVENT**



Marion County Children's Alliance



**Enjoy 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental,
& appetizers.**

**For more information about Marion County
Children's Alliance
Visit: www.mcchildrensalliance.org**

RSVP – Room for 40 Teams!

**For entries please contact
Leslie Caswell at
Leslie.caswell@bbrown.com
Or 352-387-4227**

September 19, 2024

5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Bowlero East Ocala
3225 SE Maricamp Road,
Ocala, FL 34471**

\$400 per team

6 Bowlers per team

3 Team Max

**Can't Make the Event?
Sponsor the Raffle - \$200
or Donate a Gift**





OCALA
KIDZ
FEST
THE ULTIMATE FAMILY FUN EXPO

SAT/SUN
AUG 10-11
10AM TO 4PM



WORLD
EQUESTRIAN
CENTER

1284 NW 87th Ct Rd
Ocala, FL 34482

ACTIVITIES:

- **Animal Interactions**
- **Character Meet & Greets**
- **Bounce Houses**
- **Touch A Truck**
- **Meet the Soccer Collies**
- **Gaming Truck**
- **Picture Booth**
- **Reading Nook**
- **Giveaways & Prizes**
- **And So Much More...**

FOR MORE INFO & TICKETS VISIT:
BMGEVENTS.COM/OCALAKIDZFEST

Advance Tickets \$8 | \$12 at the Door



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AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Our exclusive School Year Ambassador Program is here to take your aspirations to new heights.



OUR PROGRAM:

- ✓ Supportive Community through Mentorship and Guidance
- ✓ Hands on Leadership
- ✓ Impactful and Networking Opportunities
- ✓ Empowerment



Deadline For Application

31 August 2024

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apply now

High School & Middle School Girls

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SHOW OUR SURVIVORS WE CARE SPONSOR A BASKET TO GIVE THEM



at our
Annual Night of Hope
honoring victims
and survivors on
September 26, 2024



Choose from one of our themes (Personal Pampering, Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Board Game, A Night Out, Gardening, Summer Time, Scrap Book/ Memories, Music, Healthy Living) or **Choose Your Own Theme**

Baskets or supplies can be dropped off at the
Alliance Office, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala , FL 34475

Deadline: **Friday, September 20, 2024.**



Scan the **QR Code** to purchase tickets to attend
the event or for Sponsorship Opportunities

Call Valerie at **(352) 438-5990** for more information.

Conqueror Award Nomination Form

The Marion County Children’s Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup is pleased to present its annual Night of Hope on **Thursday, September 26, 2024** honoring Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence as well as advocates for the amazing work they do. We are now accepting nominations for the **2024 CONQUEROR AWARD** designed to recognize three outstanding survivors in our community that have overcome challenges and flourished despite their circumstances.

We need your help! If you work in the field of domestic violence, are a community supporter or know someone who is a survivor, please nominate those individuals for this award.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Nominee must be a Survivor and resident of Marion County
- Nominee must have made a positive change in their lives
- How the nominee’s actions have influenced attitudes, policies or practices in the field of domestic violence

Conqueror Awardees receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Night of Hope, a special gift and highlights of their story and recognition at the event.

Nominee’s Name: _____ # of years a survivor _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you willing to have part of your story shared at the Night of Hope? ____ yes or ____ no

Nominator’s Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email Address: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? _____

Why do you believe this nominee should be nominated for this award?

Call Valerie at **(352) 438-5990** for more information or a Nomination Form. Nominations can be mailed to Marion County Children’s Alliance, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 Attn: Monica Bryant. Forms can also be e-mailed to **Fvpinfo@mcchildrensalliance.org**. Put Conqueror Nomination in the Subject Line. Deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, September 6, 2024** at 5 p.m.

OCALA RECOVERY FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, TAKE ACTION

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Saturday,
September 14th

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at Tuscawilla Park.

Thanks to the
generosity of our
sponsors
EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Visit this link for
Sponsor and
Exhibitor
Opportunities:



Don't miss the
presentation of the Annual
Recovery Champion
Award!

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS
RECOVERY RESOURCES
FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ZONE
SWAG AND GIVEAWAYS

[HTTPS://MCCHILDRENSALLIANCE.NETWORKFORGOOD.COM/
EVENTS/73661-7TH-ANNUAL-OCALA-RECOVERY-FESTIVAL](https://mcchildrensalliance.networkforgood.com/events/73661-7th-annual-ocala-recovery-festival)

Event Details: Tuscawilla Park
500 NE 9th Street Ocala, FL 34470
have questions? email us at mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org

Lunch-n-Learn

Monday, October 14, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ocala Police Department's Community Room
402 S. Pine Ave., Ocala, FL 34471



The Impact of Domestic Violence - How to Help!

The **FREE** workshop explores the Cycle of Violence, Lethality, Options, Local Services and How to Assess and Use Real Case Scenarios.

Guest Presenters:

*Donna Guinn, Ocala Police Department
and Michelle Green, CASA Marion*

~ Plus ~

A Community Panel

featuring local experts sharing their expertise!

Seating is limited. Lunch is provided.

R.S.V.P for lunch by September 30, 2024

For questions, call Val at **(352) 438-5990**.

To reserve a seat, e-mail your name to
fvpinfo@mcchildrensalliance.org.

*A confirmation will be sent.

Panelists Include:

Rachael Franklin,
Victim Services Director,
Office of State Attorney

Carlean Harris
IFP Project Attorney,
The Spring of Tampa Bay/
CASA Marion

Bishop Tanya Hanks
Senior Pastor,
Greater New Bethel MBC

Sgt. Erik Dice
Special Investigations -
Domestic Violence Unit
Commander, Marion
County Sheriff's Office

Darnitha Johnson
Domestic Violence
Survivor



Sponsored by:



**JOIN US AND HELP SUPPORT
VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



WEAR YOUR WINGS 5K RUN/WALK

Shirts and finisher medals guaranteed to first 250 registrants. First place overall male/female and top three finishers in each age group awarded. Proceeds benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence.



**College of Central Florida
Dassance Fine Arts Center**

3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala, FL 34474

**Runners Register
Here**

[https://bit.ly/
WearYourWings2024](https://bit.ly/WearYourWings2024)



Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024

7 a.m. registration and packet pick up
8 a.m. race/walk start

Register Now!

\$30 / adult early rate through September 25
\$10 / child early rate through September 25
\$35 / late registration Sept. 26 through Oct. 4

\$40 Day of Race Registration
Group Rates Available



To Sponsor or Donate:

[https://bit.ly/
2024WearYourWingsSponsor](https://bit.ly/2024WearYourWingsSponsor)



**For sponsorships, donations or race information,
contact Valerie at (352) 438-5990.**



WEAR YOUR WINGS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

*Sponsored by MCCA's Family Violence Prevention Workgroup
in partnership with the College of Central Florida*

2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 5, 2024 ~ Walk starts and ends at the College of Central Florida

~ HOPE SPONSOR: \$1,500

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 6 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K Race Entries
- ✓ 5 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **HOPE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms and in Alliance monthly newsletter

~ LOVE SPONSOR: \$1,000

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 4 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ 3 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **LOVE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms and in Alliance monthly newsletter

~ PEACE SPONSOR: \$750

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 3 complimentary Wear Your Wings Domestic Violence T-shirts
- ✓ 2 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **PEACE** Sponsor
- ✓ Immediate recognition of your support on social media platforms

~ JOY SPONSOR: \$500

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 2 complimentary tickets to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ 2 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Signage at event listing your company or organization as the **JOY** Sponsor
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

~ FVP WORKGROUP COMMUNITY PARTNER: \$250

Sponsorship Level Includes:

- ✓ 1 complimentary ticket to Annual Night of Hope: Honoring Victims and Survivors on Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida (Sponsorship commitment must be received by **September 6**, to attend)
- ✓ 1 complimentary Wear Your Wings 5K T-shirts
- ✓ Acknowledgement of your support on social media platforms

Scan QR Code
to pay online.



~ UNABLE TO SPONSOR, PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____



Corporate Sponsorships
Night of Hope ~ Thursday, September 26, 2024

A special night at the College of Central Florida to honor victims and survivors of Domestic Violence.

Title Sponsor \$2,500

- Reserved seating for **8 guests** and company name on table
- Free vendor table at event
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Prominent Signage at the event
- Recognition from the podium at the event
- Corporate logo on invitations and all event material
- Corporate logo on the Marion County Children’s Alliance Facebook page and website
- Corporate logo on the Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Presenting Sponsor \$1,500

- Reserved seating for **6 guests** and company name on table
- Free vendor table at event
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Signage at the event
- Recognition from the podium at the event
- Corporate logo on invitations and event material
- Corporate logo on the Marion County Children’s Alliance Facebook page and website
- Corporate logo on the Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Supporting Sponsor \$1,000

- Reserved seating for **4 guests** and company name on table
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Signage at the event
- Corporate logo on the Marion County Children’s Alliance Facebook page and website
- Corporate logo on the Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Friend of the Alliance \$500

- Reserved seating for **2 guests** and company name on table
- Inclusion of logo in event program
- Acknowledgement on Marion County Children’s Alliance and Break the Silence on Violence Facebook page

Corporate Table \$500

- 8 reserved seats and company name on table

Table Sponsor \$100

- Company name on table and one reserved ticket to attend the event

Sponsor a Survivor

- A **\$40** donation makes it possible for a domestic violence survivor in our community to attend the event for free.

Scan QR Code
to pay online



NIGHT OF HOPE: HONORING VICTIMS AND SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Sponsored by Marion County Children's Alliance Family Violence Prevention Workgroup

2024 SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

(Please Print Clearly)

Name/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please select Your Level of Sponsorship:

\$2,500 **Title Sponsor**

\$1,500 **Presenting Sponsor**

\$1,000 **Supporting Sponsor**

\$500 **Friend of the Alliance**

\$500 **Corporate Table**

\$100 **Table Sponsor**

Sponsorships and/or tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code below



or checks can be made payable to MCCA and mailed to 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475 put Night of Hope in memo

\$40 **Sponsor a Survivor**

____ **Other:** Unable to sponsor, please accept this donation of \$_____ to support the Night of Hope

In-Kind Donations

Product or Basket: _____

Service: _____

Donate a themed Basket or supplies to make a basket.

**Baskets given to Survivors attending the event!*

Fair market value (product or service): \$_____

____ Please have a volunteer pick up our donation

Describe item(s) being donated: _____

Please remit as soon as possible to enjoy maximum benefit for your sponsorship! Deadline Sept. 6, 2024

*Return this form to: Marion County Children's Alliance – Night of Hope
3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475*

international overdose awareness & prevention day event

Join Us!

Saturday August 31st
1pm-8pm

Citizens Circle

Picking Up The Pieces

IODAD can be sad as we're reminded of those that we've lost. Our purpose isn't to be sad, we want to take this time to bring awareness to and educate our community—especially our youth on the dangers of substance use. Hear the testimonies of family, friends, and individuals who have been affected by SUD. This is also a day to celebrate those who are in recovery and with us.

INSPIRE

www.pickingupthepieces.us 352-816-3793

PICKING UP THE PIECES: IODAD Sponsorship Levels

- Platinum Sponsor \$1000 or More**
Company Logo on Event Banners
Full-page Advertisement in Event Program
Recognition in Newsletters and Social Media
Company logo and Link on our Website
- GOLD SPONSOR \$500 - \$999**
Company Logo on Event Materials
Half-page Advertisement in Event Program
Recognition in Newsletters and Social Media
Company logo and Link on our Website
- SILVER SPONSOR \$250 - \$499**
Company Name on Event Materials
Quarter-page Advertisement in Event Program
Recognition in Newsletters, Social Media and Website
- BRONZE SPONSOR \$50-\$249**
Company Name on Event Materials
Recognition in Newsletters, Social Media and Website

Organization Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY! WITH YOUR HELP, WE ARE ABLE TO FURTHER OUR GOALS AND VISION!

REVEALING TRUTH MINISTRIES OUTREACH CHRISTIAN CENTER

FRESH FOOD THURSDAY

EVERY THURSDAY
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

A Smile.
We are Blessed to be a Blessing to our community each week; no questions asked. Share this flyer with family and friends and meet us on This Thursday.

7575 SW 62nd Ct.
Ocala, FL 34476

Get more info at:
info@revealingtruthocc.org

CALL FOR MORE INFO 352-209-7515

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 6
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Lillian Bryant Park

Join us for an evening filled with excitement!
This **FREE** event will have games, bounce houses, dancing, arts and crafts, emergency vehicle displays and more!

For more info, call 352-369-7182

OCALA Recreation and Parks Walmart SUC Synthesizers of Central Florida Ocala's Future SAFE STREETS PARTNERSHIP

TEEN SUMMER BASKETBALL



Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place
1821 NW 21st Ave.

July 29 - August 28
Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

6 - 8 PM | Ages 13 - 17
\$50 per person

For more information or to register:
352.401.6980 | OcalaFl.gov/RecPark

DIASPORA WHISPERS INC PRESENTS



Amara's Adventures

Book Signing Party

COME, MEET THE AUTHOR, RECEIVE A FREE SIGNED BOOK FOR EACH FAMILY AND ENJOY GAMES CRAFTS AND REFRESHMENTS.

September 28th, 2024

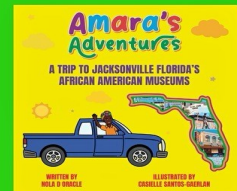
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MARY SUE RICH COMMUNITY CENTER AT REED PLACE

1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475



www.dwhispersbooks.com



FREE

Ocala-Marion Cty

Baby & Family EXPO

Sat, September 14th 10:00-2:00pm

- ✓ Programs & Resources • Giveaways • Free Activities
- ✓ Baby Bump Painting • Soft Play Zone • Balloon Twister
- ✓ Crafts • Ninja Obstacle Course • Dozens of Vendors
- ✓ Fun Classes & Demos • Games • Temporary Tattoos

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Please RSVP at bit.ly/OcalaFamily

PADDOCK MALL 3100 SW College Road
Ocala, FL 34474

To become a vendor, email Info@TouchofMagicEvents.com

Grief Awareness Day Open House

To honor your grief on National Grief Awareness Day, Hospice of Marion County invites you to a free open house at the Monarch Center for Hope & Healing, 2895 SE 62nd St. in Ocala.

Friday, August 30, 2024 | 8:00 am-3:00 pm

- Meet the HMC Grief Care Team
- Paint Your Grief
- Special treat for kids and kids at heart

Learn about upcoming programs and services for kids, adults and community partners. Tour the Monarch Center and memorial park, pick up resources and information and express your grief through art.



Call the HMC Grief Care Department at the Monarch Center for more information at (352) 873-7456.



HospiceofMarion.org

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Democratic Women's Club of Marion County
Presents

"Equalitea" Day Event

AUGUST
SATURDAY 24 AT 12:30 PM
2024

Appleton Museum of Art- 4333 E Silver Springs Blvd.
12:30-3:00pm



Keynote Speaker
Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell
Former United States Representative.

The theme will be "Well behaved women seldom make history"
- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich.

Wearing White is encouraged to honor the Suffragist Movement.
Special guest speakers from our Florida legislature.
Proceeds will go towards two scholarships for deserving high school students.



\$65 ticket payments made through ActBlue
(Scan QR Code)





\$10/Person
\$50/family of 5+
FREE to foster/adoptive & kinship families

Presents
OCALA'S FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY SOCK HOP
Sunday, August 25th 4-6pm
Ft. King Presbyterian Church
Sign up at thepearlproject.org

THANKS TO FLORIDA'S GREAT FINANCIAL STANDING, GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE

BACK TO SCHOOL

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

JULY 29 - AUGUST 11, 2024

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TAX-FREE:

- SCHOOL SUPPLIES SELLING FOR \$50 OR LESS, SUCH AS:**
 - Lunch boxes
 - Notebooks
 - Binders
 - Pens & pencils
- LEARNING AIDS SELLING FOR \$30 OR LESS, SUCH AS:**
 - Jigsaw puzzles
 - Interactive books
 - Other toys that teach math or reading skills
- CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SELLING FOR \$100 OR LESS, SUCH AS:**
 - Backpacks
 - Skirts
 - Pants
 - Sweaters
 - Shoes
- PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES SELLING FOR \$1,500 OR LESS, SUCH AS:**
 - Personal computers
 - Tablets
 - Computer batteries
 - Printers
 - Headphones



ANNUAL
Pop
& DROP
DRIVE - THRU

AUGUST 8TH

Marion County Public School teachers can drive up to our event, pop open their trunk and we will drop in goodie bags of classroom supplies!

MCPS TEACHERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE AND CHOOSE A TIME SLOT IN ORDER TO PICK UP SUPPLIES

Public Education FOUNDATION OF MARION COUNTY
Connecting Children, Classrooms & Community

*Spots are limited and registration will close once all spots have been filled.
For more information, please call 352-671-4167*

Sign up at
<https://forms.gle/x5mJmmSp3upMus7g9>

MCPS Teachers make sure to register as spots will fill up fast! We are offering seven different timeslots on August 8, to accommodate teacher schedules.

Ready to Read Expo



Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Headquarters-
Ocala Public Library, 2720 E.
Silver springs Blvd. Ocala, FL

Give the gift of reading to your child. Connect with local organiza-

tions for services and support with activities and giveaways for parents and children to enjoy.

For parents and children ages birth to 3 years old.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

OEU CUSTOMERS TO RECEIVE CREDIT ON THEIR BILL

Starting in August, Ocala Electric Utility (OEU) residential customers may receive a credit to their account, reducing their bills. This change is due to a new city ordinance that will see customer's initial sign-up deposit be transferred and credited back to their accounts.

Under this ordinance, the City of Ocala will return over \$1.89 million to 10,820 OEU accounts in August alone.

To be eligible for this credit, customers must meet the following requirements:

- Twenty-four months of consecutive service with OEU
- A demonstrated satisfactory payment record:
- A payment history with fewer than two penalties
- No returned checks
- No delinquencies for 12 consecutive months before the refund

Customers who are not currently eligible for this credit due to not meeting the satisfactory payment record requirement will become eligible after 12 months of satisfactory service.

Deposits are still required for new OEU customers who do not have a positive history with a previous electric utility provider. After meeting the above criteria, those deposits will be credited to the customer's account.

For more information, please contact our Customer Service Department at **(352) 629-2489**.

ART CLASS WITH CHARLES EADY HISTORY OF OCALA

Join artist, author & historian Charles Eady for weekly sessions the month of August. He will explore Black History in early Ocala by using an exciting silk-screening method to produce art projects related to various achievements of local Blacks. The student will use inks & paints.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- **WEEK 1 - AUGUST 5**
Learn about the Metropolitan Bank, a prosperous two-story bank in downtown Ocala, that was founded by successful Black businessman in 1914.
- **WEEK 2 - AUGUST 12**
Discover how M.A. Clouts, regarded as a respectable man who served his community, became the first elected sheriff by the city council in 1868.
- **WEEK 3 - AUGUST 19**
Explore the career of Dr. Richard Hughes, a pioneer for health care and who founded a two-story hospital near downtown Ocala in 1925.
- **WEEK 4 - AUGUST 26**
Examine the life of Dr. Effie Hampton, known as the first Black female doctor in Florida, and citizen of Ocala. She received her medical license in 1906 and served the community with honor.

MONDAYS | 5 - 6 PM | \$25 PER PERSON | AGES 18+

Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place
1821 NW 21st Ave.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY REGISTERING AT:
Ocalafl.gov/RecPark
or 352.401.6980

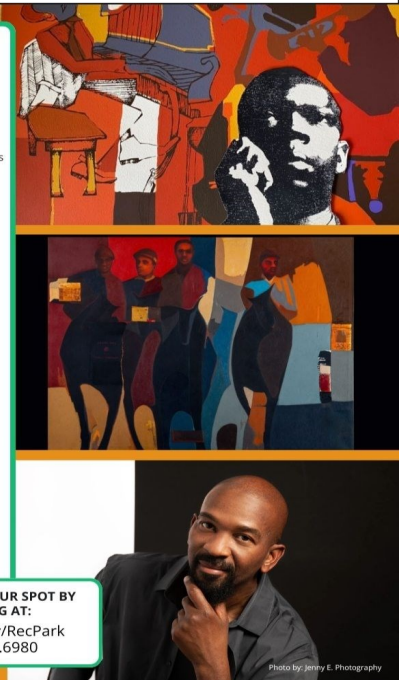


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Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center

**HOSTS ITS 3RD QUARTER
TOWNHALL MEETING**

819 NW 7TH ST.
OCALA, FLORIDA
34475

COME OUT AND BE HEARD!

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER
21, 2024 AT THE MARY
SUE RICH COMMUNITY
CENTER AT REED
PLACE**

**1821 NW 21st Ave.
Ocala, Florida 34475**

10AM- 1130AM

**YOUR HEALTHCARE CONCERNS ARE OUR PRIORITY! STOP BY AND
SHARE THEM WITH THE TEAM. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**



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352*875*2226

Marion Cultural Alliance & Marion Senior Services present the 9th annual

ART OF AGING

A Moment in Time

An art exhibit celebrating our creative senior community!

Presenting Sponsors:



On Display:

August 2 - 31

at Brick City Center for the Arts
23 SW Broadway St. Ocala, FL 34471

For more information, please visit:

artofaging24.artcall.org @mcaocala



ART OF AGING 2024

AUGUST WORKSHOPS

schedule



at Brick City Center for the Arts

AUGUST
14
11:30AM - 1PM

HAVING THE CONVERSATION

with Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations

FREE | RSVP



AUGUST
21
1 - 3 PM

WATERCOLOR 101 WORKSHOP

with Phyllis Craggs, from Senior Learners

FREE | RSVP



AUGUST
24
11AM - 1PM

TIED & DYED TEXTILE ART WORKSHOP

with Artify Ocala

FREE | RSVP

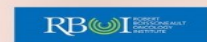


AUGUST
28
11:30AM - 1PM

REDISCOVER CONNECTION, MEANING & GRATITUDE

with Amy Roberts, LCSW from RBOI

FREE | RSVP



To register, go to mcaocala.org/workshops or scan QR code



Howard Academy Community Center

Graduation Cotillion

for

*Dare 2 B Great
Girls Mentoring Program*

**Saturday, August 24, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

**College of Central Florida
Webber Center
3001 S.W. College Road
Ocala, FL 34474**

Attire: Dressy Casual

Light refreshments will be served



GET TICKETS HERE



Buy ticket for only **\$50**

H3Haven's 2024 Grief Awareness Scholarship Gala

Find Healing after Loss with H3Haven

We will honor individuals with Grief Recovery Scholarships a total value of \$4,800. H3HAVEN, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to supporting individuals through loss, is hosting the "2024 Formal Grief Scholarship Gala".

Join the Scholarship Gala on NATIONAL GRIEF AWARENESS DAY August 30th, 2024



Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place
1821 NW 21st Ave. Ocala, Florida 34475



6:30 PM EST | August 30, 2024



Do you need a **safe, faith-inspired place** for personal recovery and healing? A **confidential space** where you can talk, cry, be inspired, tell your unique story, and **gain tools to help you move forward?**

H3Haven offers you options and opportunities to improve your life and **move from broken heart and loss to living again.** We will walk with you to **find the services you need when you feel stuck...** and offer a faith-based, holistic approach to not only surviving, but **THRIVING!**

FOUNDER/CEO OF H3HAVEN



YOLANDA MITCHUM
MBA, BSN, RN,
Advanced GRM Specialist,
Faith-Based Life Coach

Yolanda Mitchum is a servant, leader and founder of **Health, Hope and Healing Haven (H3Haven, Inc).**

H3Haven was born from Yolanda's realization that many **successful individuals** suffer silently, just as she did. She felt compelled to launch H3Haven because of her **personal journey** through immense **pain and healing.** Now, she's devoted to empower others to experience **joy after loss.**



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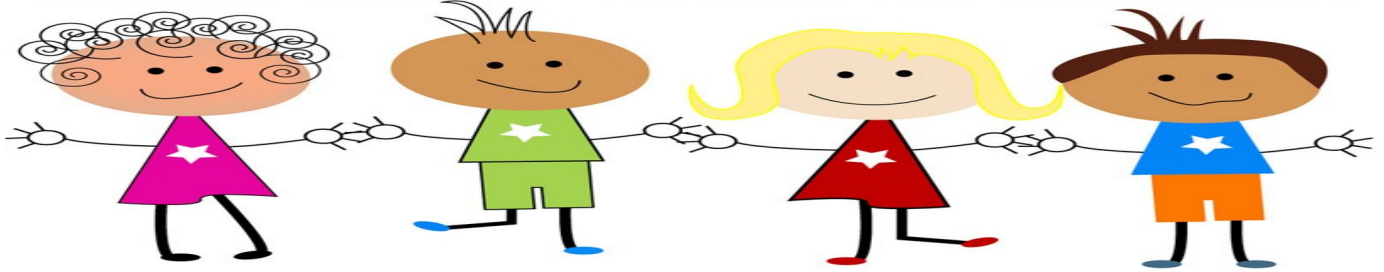


Marion County Children's Alliance

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WE'RE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL



Monday, August 12, 2024

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

August 7 Safe Streets of Marion County
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community Center
at Reed Place

August 12 Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
Zoom

August 14 Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health

August 19 Community Council Against
Monday Substance Abuse (CCASA)
Zoom

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

August 7 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
Mary Sue Rich Community
Center at Reed Place



Agency Spotlight:

Kelley Martin,
Program Director for S.K.I.P.
(Supporting Kids Involving
Parents)

Guest Speaker:
Meghan Magamoll,
Executive Director
Public Education Foundation
of Marion County

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